

CLEAN VERSION OF EACH REPLACEMENT SECTION/CLAIMSIn the Claims

Kindly cancel Claims 31-64 without prejudice and with right of re-entry into this application or any other appropriate application.

Kindly amend Claims 1, 9, 12, 19, 20, and 23 as indicated following.

Sub 1. A bundle of framing lumber product, comprising:

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- (a) (a plurality of elongate pieces of lumber) operative to assist in layout and assembly of a wall, wherein such (wall comprises a bottom plate and a top plate, and a plurality of dimension studs) extending between the bottom plate and the top plate at one or more of a limited number of pre-determined standard stud spacings along the bottom plate and the top plate, wherein respective ones of said elongate pieces of lumber are operative for use in the bottom plate and/or the top plate, said respective elongate pieces of lumber having first and second ends and lengths therebetween, front surfaces and back surfaces, opposing sides extending between the front and back surfaces along the lengths thereof, and thickness dimensions between the front surfaces and the back surfaces, and between opposing sides thereof; and
- (b) (a plurality of stud locator markings) spaced along the lengths of said elongate pieces of lumber at one or more surfaces which assist in defining respective ones of the thickness dimensions of said elongate pieces of lumber, each said stud locator marking defining a position for placement, on the respective said elongate piece of lumber, of an end of a stud dimension lumber piece having opposing front and back surfaces and a thickness dimension therebetween, to be joined to the respective said elongate piece of lumber, the respective said stud locator markings on the respective said elongate pieces of lumber indicating the positions

where the front and back surfaces of respective stud lumber pieces are to intersect the respective said elongate piece of lumber,

the stud locator markings being spaced from each other along the lengths of said elongate pieces of lumber at at least one of the limited number of pre-determined standard stud spacings,

each of the plurality of stud locator markings comprising marking material deposited directly on the respective said elongate piece of lumber at a such respective surface which assists in defining a such thickness dimension of the respective said elongate piece of lumber.

2. A bundle of framing lumber product as in Claim 1, said stud locator markings on units of said framing lumber product being spaced at about 8 inches leading edge-to-leading edge.

3. A bundle of framing lumber product as in Claim 1, said stud locator markings on units of said framing lumber product being spaced at about 16 inches leading edge-to-leading edge.

4. A bundle of framing lumber product as in Claim 1, said stud locator markings on units of said framing lumber product being spaced at about 24 inches leading edge-to-leading edge.

5. A bundle of framing lumber product as in Claim 1, variations in spacing between said stud locator markings on a respective said framing lumber product, and between respective ones of said framing lumber products, being consistently no more than .13 inch leading edge to leading edge.

6. A bundle of framing lumber product as in Claim 1, including sets of 2 side-by-side stud locator markings arrayed along the lengths of respective units of said framing lumber product.

7. A bundle of framing lumber product as in Claim 1, respective units of said framing lumber product being substantially devoid of location marking indicators away from said stud locator markings.

8. A bundle of framing lumber product as in Claim 4, respective units of said framing lumber product being substantially devoid of location marking indicators away from said stud locator markings.

9. A bundle of framing lumber product as in Claim 1, said stud locator markings extending substantially across the full widths of units of said framing lumber product, said units of said framing lumber product being devoid of other marking indicators extending more than half way across the widths of the framing lumber products whereby the stud locator markings can be readily visually distinguished from such other markings by appearance differences which are not color differences.

10. A bundle of framing lumber product as in Claim 1, respective said stud locator markings having respective leading edge lines, trailing edge lines, and crossing lines between the leading and trailing edge lines.

11. A bundle of framing lumber product as in Claim 1, respective said stud locator markings having respective leading edge lines, trailing edge lines, and first and second crossing lines extending from respective leading edge lines to respective trailing edge lines.

Sub 1 12. A framing lumber product operative to assist in layout and assembly of a wall wherein such wall comprises a bottom plate and a top plate, and a plurality of dimension studs extending between the bottom plate and the top plate at one or more of a limited number of pre-determined standard stud spacings along the bottom plate and the top plate, said framing lumber product comprising:

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- (a) an elongate piece of lumber for use in one of the bottom plate and the top plate, said elongate piece of lumber having first and second ends and a length therebetween, a front surface and a back surface, opposing sides extending between the front and back surfaces along the length thereof, and thickness dimensions between the front surface and the back surface, and between opposing sides thereof; and
 - (b) a plurality of stud locator markings spaced along the length of said elongate piece of lumber at one or more surfaces which assist in defining respective ones of the nominal thickness dimensions, each said stud locator marking defining a position for placement, on said elongate piece of lumber, of an end of a stud dimension lumber piece having opposing front and back surfaces and a thickness dimension therebetween, to be joined to said elongate piece of lumber, said marking indicators on said elongate piece of lumber indicating the positions where the front and back surfaces of respective stud lumber pieces are to intersect said elongate piece of lumber;

the plurality of stud locator markings being spaced from each other along the length of said elongate piece of lumber at at least one of the limited number of pre-determined standard stud spacings,

each of the plurality of stud locator markings comprising marking material deposited directly on said elongate piece of lumber at a such respective surface which assists in defining a such thickness dimension of the respective said elongate piece of lumber.

13. A framing lumber product as in Claim 12, said stud locator markings being spaced at about 8 inches leading edge-to-leading edge.

14. A framing lumber product as in Claim 12, said stud locator markings being spaced at about 16 inches leading edge-to-leading edge.

15. A framing lumber product as in Claim 12, said stud locator markings being spaced at about 24 inches leading edge-to-leading edge.

16. A framing lumber product as in Claim 12, variations in spacing between said stud locator markings being consistently no more than 0.13 inch leading edge to leading edge.

17. A framing lumber product as in Claim 12, including sets of 2 side-by-side stud locator markings arrayed along the length of said framing lumber product.

18. A framing lumber product as in Claim 12, substantially devoid of location marking indicators away from said stud locator markings.

19. A framing lumber product as in Claim 15, substantially devoid of location marking indicators away from said stud locator markings.

20. A framing lumber product as in Claim 12, said stud locator markings extending substantially across the full width of said framing lumber product, said framing lumber product being devoid of other marking indicators extending more than half way across the width of the framing lumber product whereby the stud locator

all cont markings can be readily visually distinguished from other marking indicators by appearance differences which are not color differences.

21. A framing lumber product as in Claim 12, a respective said stud locator marking having a respective leading edge line, a trailing edge line, and crossing lines between the leading edge line and the trailing edge line.

22. A framing lumber product as in Claim 12, a respective said stud locator marking having a respective leading edge line, a trailing edge line, and first and second crossing lines extending from the leading edge line to the trailing edge line.

Sub Div 23. A framing lumber product operative to assist in layout and assembly of a wall wherein such wall comprises a bottom plate and a top plate, and a plurality of dimension studs extending between the bottom plate and the top plate at one or more of a limited number of pre-determined standard stud spacings along the bottom plate and the top plate, said framing lumber product comprising:

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- (a) an elongate piece of lumber for use in one of the bottom plate and the top plate, said elongate piece of lumber having first and second ends and a length therebetween, a front surface and a back surface, opposing sides extending between the front and back surfaces along the length thereof, and thickness dimensions between the front surface and the back surface, and between opposing sides thereof; and
 - (b) a plurality of stud locator markings spaced along the length of said elongate piece of lumber at one or more surfaces which assist in defining respective ones of the thickness dimensions, each said stud locator marking defining a position for placement, on said elongate piece of lumber, of an end of a stud dimension lumber piece having opposing front

and back surfaces and a thickness dimension therebetween, to be joined to said elongate piece of lumber;

the plurality of stud locator markings being spaced from each other along the length of said elongate piece of lumber at at least one of the limited number of pre-determined standard stud spacings,

each of the plurality of stud locator markings comprising marking material deposited directly on said elongate piece of lumber at a such respective surface which assists in defining a such thickness dimension of the respective said elongate piece of lumber,

said elongate piece of lumber being generally devoid of marking indicators away from the stud locator markings.

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Sub 24. A framing lumber product as in Claim 23, said stud locator markings being spaced at about 8 inches leading edge-to-leading edge.

25. A framing lumber product as in Claim 23, said stud locator markings being spaced at about 16 inches leading edge-to-leading edge.

26. A framing lumber product as in Claim 23, said stud locator markings being spaced at about 24 inches leading edge-to-leading edge.

27. A framing lumber product as in Claim 23, variations in spacing between said stud locator markings being consistently no more than 0.13 inch leading edge to leading edge.

28. A framing lumber product as in Claim 23, including sets of 2 side-by-side stud locator markings arrayed along the length of said framing lumber product.

29. A framing lumber product as in Claim 23, a respective said stud locator marking having a respective leading edge line, a trailing edge line, and crossing lines between the leading edge line and the trailing edge line.

30. A framing lumber product as in Claim 23, a respective said stud locator marking having a respective leading edge line, a trailing edge line, and first and second crossing lines extending from the leading edge line to the trailing edge line.

Kindly add the following new Claims 65-75.

31 65. A framing lumber product, comprising:

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- (a) an elongate piece of lumber having first and second ends and a length therebetween, a front surface and a back surface, opposing sides extending between the front and back surfaces along the length thereof, and thickness dimensions between the front surface and the back surface, and between opposing sides thereof; and
 - (b) a plurality of stud locator markings spaced along the length of said elongate piece of lumber at one or more surfaces which assist in defining respective ones of the thickness dimensions, each said stud locator marking defining a position for placement, on the respective said elongate piece of lumber, of an end of a stud lumber piece having opposing front and back surfaces and a thickness dimension therebetween, to be joined to said elongate piece of lumber, the respective said stud locator

markings on said elongate piece of lumber indicating the positions where the stud lumber pieces are to intersect said elongate piece of lumber,

the stud locator markings being spaced from each other along the length of said elongate piece of lumber at at least one of a limited number of pre-determined standard stud spacings,

each of the plurality of stud locator markings comprising marking material deposited directly on the respective said elongate piece of lumber at a such respective surface which assists in defining a such thickness dimension of the respective said elongate piece of lumber.

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66. A framing lumber product as in Claim 65, said stud locator markings being spaced at about 8 inches leading edge-to-leading edge.

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67. A framing lumber product as in Claim 65, said stud locator markings being spaced at about 16 inches leading edge-to-leading edge.

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68. A framing lumber product as in Claim 65, said stud locator markings being spaced at about 24 inches leading edge-to-leading edge.

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69. A framing lumber product as in Claim 65, variations in spacing between said stud locator markings being consistently no more than 0.13 inch leading edge to leading edge.

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70. A framing lumber product as in Claim 65, including sets of 2 side-by-side stud locator markings arrayed along the length of said framing lumber product.

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~~37~~ 71. A framing lumber product as in Claim ~~65~~, substantially devoid of location marking indicators away from said stud locator markings.

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~~38~~ 72. A framing lumber product as in Claim ~~68~~, substantially devoid of location marking indicators away from said stud locator markings.

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~~39~~ 73. A framing lumber product as in Claim ~~65~~, said stud locator markings extending substantially across the full width of said framing lumber product, said framing lumber product being devoid of other marking indicators extending more than half way across the width of the framing lumber product whereby the stud locator markings can be readily visually distinguished from other marking indicators by appearance differences which are not color differences.

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~~40~~ 74. A framing lumber product as in Claim ~~65~~, a respective said stud locator marking having a respective leading edge line, a trailing edge line, and crossing lines between the leading edge line and the trailing edge line.

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